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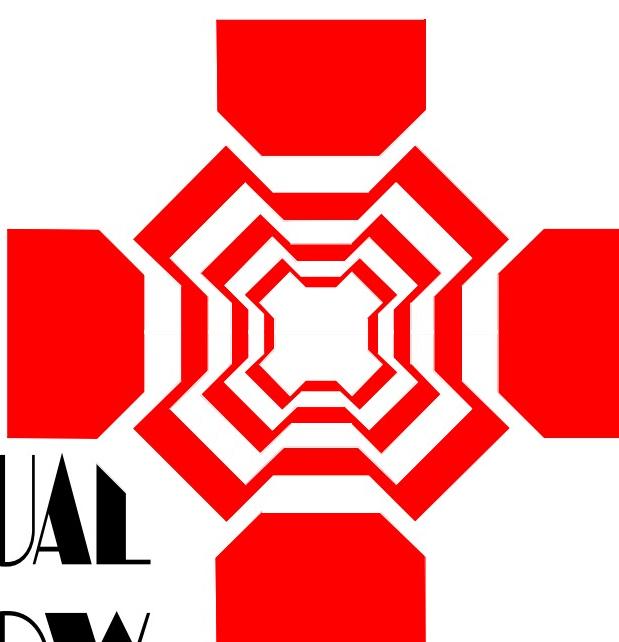
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**CITIZEN  
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NATION**  
**24TH ANNUAL  
POW WOW**



# CPN to host 'Gathering of Potawatomi Nations'

A variety of special activities ranging from seminars on web pages and language preservation to dancing and recreation are planned for the hundreds of Potawatomi from the United States and Canada expected in Shawnee Aug. 22-24.

For the first time, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will host the annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, where representatives of the seven bands of Potawatomi come together to share traditions and ideas for the future. The first Gathering was held in 1984.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will show off its newest facility during the Gathering. The former Oak Crest hospital site just north of tribal headquarters will be utilized for many Gathering activities, and some of the special visitors will be housed there. Currently, the building is referred to as the "Meeting Facility" on schedules and maps.

The agenda of activities includes sessions on "Common Goals - How We Can Work Together," "Language Preservation," "Internet Access, Web Page Design - EDP for Potawatomis," "Educational Issues for Potawatomi," "Conference for Next Gathering - Site & Agenda," and "Tribal History." Visiting elders from other bands will present programs on "Traditional Teachings For Women," "Making Porcupine Quill Boxes," "The Midewin Sweat Lodge" and "Family Trees."

The schedule also includes traditional stories, meals, pow wow social dancing and plenty of time of recreation at the various tribal facilities. Special activities have been planned for young people attending the Gathering.

All meals will be furnished by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Three meals per day will be available for those registered at the Gathering at several locations. Tribal ID cards or meal badges, which will be provided at registration, must be shown at those facilities. In addition, a book of certificates for four meals priced at \$4 per meal will be given to all participants registered that will be redeemed at any of the

three restaurants on the tribal complex. These can be used for meals at any time.

On Saturday, a traditional Citizen Potawatomi feast will be served at the Round House at the pow-wow grounds. Food vendors will also be available during pow-wow ground events

for extra food or drinks participants wish to purchase.

Six small buses will be used to shuttle

people back and forth between facilities during Gathering events for those who don't have their own transportation.

Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett, who attended last year's Gathering at the Hannahville Indian Community near Wilson, Michigan, said the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is greatly honored to be hosting the event this year.

The seven bands are the Citizen Potawatomi, the Hannahville Potawatomi (Wilson, Michigan), Prairie Potawatomi (Mayetta, Kansas), Forrest County Potawatomi (Crandon, Wisconsin), Huron Potawatomi (Fulton, Michigan), Pokegon Potawatomi (Dowagiac, Michigan) and the Walpole Island First Nation (Canada). The Hannahville group has already alerted Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials that they will bring at least 118 people to the Gathering.



## Next year's powwow to be more 'Potawatomi'

### Bouzho, Nicon

This was a very unusual powwow this year. I look back on it with such a range of feelings that it is hard to describe. So many people came to me and said it was the best ever. I credit the hard work of the tribal staff, who put in countless hours of volunteer time.

It was a huge spectacle that many in the community look forward to every year. It is the best spectator powwow in Oklahoma. Also, many people came to me and said how much they enjoyed the Friday night feast and all-Potawatomi dancing. That was the most Citizen Potawatomi people I have ever seen in a dance circle. I just loved it. The level of enthusiasm and excitement of Potawatomis was the best I have ever seen.

We were all ready to get after it at the powwow Saturday. Unfortunately, Saturday was scorching hot and started with a huge Grand Entry and a 45 minute long "special" right after Grand Entry that sort of took away our momentum. In the process, we did not even pray or have the tribal staff in the Grand Entry for which I apologize to Norman Kiker and Jim Smith. I was tied up at the General Council answering questions after the meeting. I was barely able to get home and get into costume and back in time for Grand Entry. Needless to say, I was a little grouchy and if I showed it to any of you, again I apologize.

About two hours after the powwow started, I was sitting there listening to the emcee tell us that there would be very few "intertribals" (dances we could all participate in) since there were so many competition dancers to judge. Since our prize money is so large, we get them from all over the United States and Canada. I thought to myself, "What is wrong with this picture?" We pay out



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

all this money and our own people are sitting and just watching. We can't even dance at our own pow-wow.

It is a great spectator event with pageantry and vivid color and beauty. But our own powwow is not really a Potawatomi event. It is really an inter-tribal event, since the people who have so graciously and expertly put on our powwow for several years are Kiowa-Comanche. It is not their fault that we do not know who to put on our own powwow; it is ours. Our people don't powwow because they don't know how.

Perhaps, I sat there thinking, it is really my fault. I have been here since the very first powwow we ever held over twenty years ago. Even then, we hired it done. And each year we paid a little more and it got a little bigger. Esther Lowden and her crew did just what the Business Committee said we wanted these last few years — the biggest and the best competition powwow in the country. Now it is a huge event with huge crowds and huge expenses, probably one of the biggest free powwows in the United States. But it is not ours with our own traditions. And now it is so big, the Potawatomis don't even dance. Many of you stopped me and commented about it.

So next year, with the support of the Business Committee and our tribal

members who want to volunteer, we are going to do it a little more the Citizen Potawatomi way — even if it is not correct, we will be learning. We will ask our local friends from other tribes who have asked to participate, our members from around the country who powwow in their local area, and all the local Potawatomis who came to me and said what a joy it was to "have it our way" to the Friday night of powwow, to join in and have some fun.

All you competition dancers out there who came this year for the big money, you are welcome to come back — but the prize money is not going to be as much next year and the categories may be different and the judges may not be familiar to you. Next year we start our own tradition. It will be so good, you Pot folks will want to dance. Want to help? Let us know.

**Be sure to come to the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations on the 22, 23 and 24th of August. We are the hosts and need as many Citizen Potawatomi as possible to participate and make our Potawatomi guest welcome.**

Megwetch,

John A. Barrett Jr.

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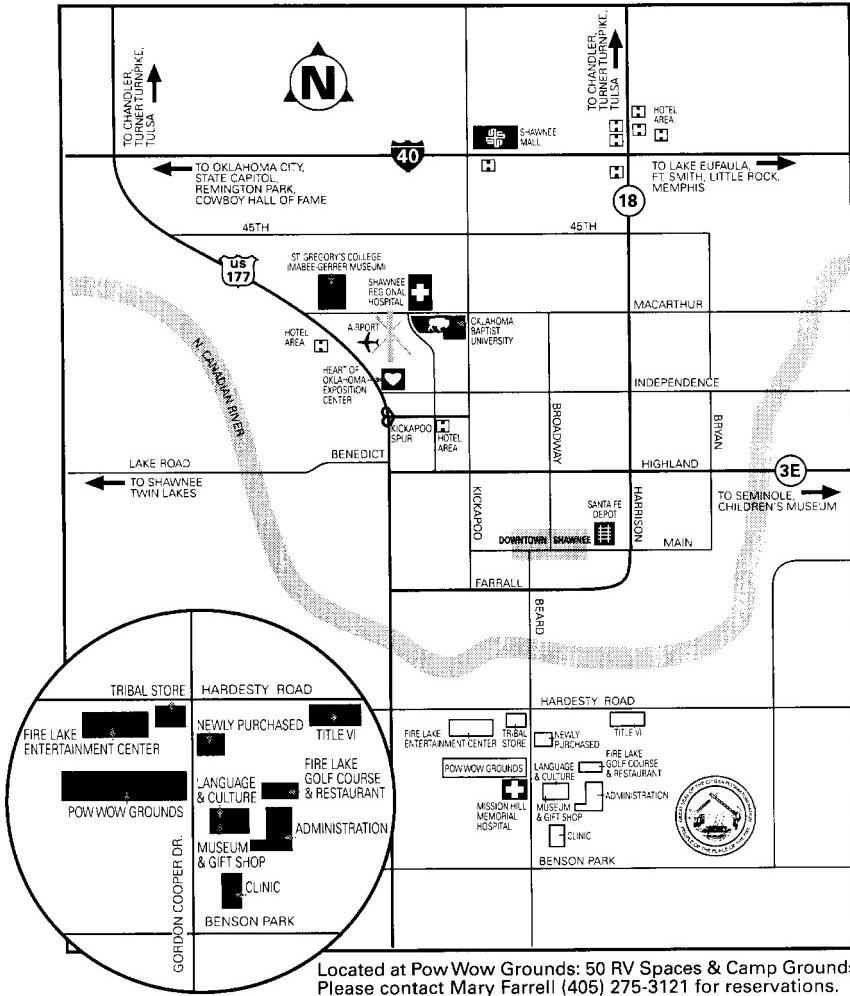
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# GATHERING OF THE POTAWATOMI NATIONS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Note: Slight changes may occur in the schedule of events prior to the Celebration)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Registration (Front Lobby — Meeting Facility)  
Campers & Guest Rooms — Move In  
RV Park Hook-Ups (By Reservation). No Charge; Potawatomi I.D. Required  
Recreation — Swimming, Bowling, Horseshoe Matches, Golf, Horse Race Simulcast, Bingo  
Evening Meal — Choice Of "Charlie's At FireLake." FireLake Entertainment Center Restaurant, Famous Bingo Snack Bar, Meeting Facility Dining Room

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

6:30 a.m.  
6:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.-9 a.m.  
10 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer, Post Colors (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Breakfast (Title VI Dining Hall & Meeting Facility Dining Room)  
Registration (Front Lobby, Meeting Facility)  
Shoot The Breeze, Meet Each Other, Drink Some Coffee (All Facilities)  
Welcome (Pow-Wow Grounds "Round House")  
"Traditional Teachings For Women" By Elder Lila (Wabeno Pitcho Qwe) Tabobondung (Meeting Facility Conference Room)  
Youth Activities — Sign Up For Competitions; Swimming Pool Open All Day  
"Common Goals — How We Can Work Together" (Long Room)  
Lunch (Choice Of "Charlie's At FireLake," FireLake Entertainment Center Restaurant, Famous Bingo Snack Bar, Title VI Dining Room, Meeting Facility Dining Room)  
"Language Preservation" (Long Room)  
Tribal Stories — Family Trees — Elders & Others (Long Room)  
Recreation — Bowling, Golf, Bingo, Horse Racing, Etc.  
Dinner (Choice Of "Charlie's At FireLake," FireLake Entertainment Center Restaurant, Famous Bingo Snack Bar, Meeting Facility Dining Room, Title VI Dining Hall)  
Gourd Dancing (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Retire Colors (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Traditional Games, Pow-Wow Social Dancing (Pow-Wow Grounds)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

6:30 a.m.  
6:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
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1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer, Post Colors (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Breakfast (Meeting Facility Dining Room, Title VI Dining Hall)  
Registration (Long Room)  
Welcome (Pow-Wow Grounds "Round House")  
Youth Activities — Special Events Tournament, Swimming Pool "Language & Cultural Preservation - Ceremony" (Long Room)  
"Internet Use, Web Page Design-EDP Ror Potawatomis (BC Room)  
Lunch (Meeting Facility Dining Room, Title VI Dining Hall)  
"Making Porcupine Quill Boxes," Elder Priscilla Pegahmagabow (Title VI Building)  
"The Federal Threat - Congress Versus The Potawatomis" (Long Room)  
"Educational Issues For Potawatomi"  
"Health Issues For Potawatomi" (Clinic Conference Room)  
"Tribal History," "Elders Round Table," Family Trees (Long Room)  
The Midewin Sweat Lodge - Ceremony By Hector (Medwayosh) Copegog, 2nd Degree Midewin (At A Selected Site)  
Recreation — Bowling, Golf, Bingo, Horse Racing, Horseshoe Meet  
Traditional Dinner (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Retire Colors (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Pow-Wow Social Dancing (Pow-Wow Grounds), Gifts

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

6:30 a.m.  
6:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer, Post Colors (Pow-Wow Grounds)  
Breakfast (Meeting Facility Dining Hall, Title VI Dining Hall)  
"Conference For Next Gathering - Site & Agenda" (Long Room)  
"Tribal Customs & Religion" (Long Room)  
Buffet Lunch (Long Room) — Traveling Sandwiches  
Closing Ceremony (Pow-Wow Grounds)



*Above: Chairman John Barrett Takes The Oath Of Office For Another Term From Judge Phil Lujan. Right: Chairman Barrett Recognizes Lonnie Duncan III Of Ketchikan, Alaska, For Coming Farthest To Council*



*Above: Chairman Barrett Greets The Youngest Tribal Member Present, Three-Day-Old Cole Montgomery Muldrow Of Noble, OK, And His Mother Brooke. Cole Is The Grandson Of Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno. Right: Olline Hodges, 91, Of Weslaco, Texas, The Wisest Present, Poses With Chairman Barrett.*



## General Council reports reflect successful year for tribe

By Gloria Trotter

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman opened the General Council June 28 by thanking tribal members for electing him for the seventh time and wondering why "they don't run against me."

Barrett, whose unopposed election was a unique chapter in tribal history, received a standing ovation from the crowded Long Room before being sworn in for a new term by Judge Phil Lujan. That set the tone for a two-hour session that pretty much told why nobody filed against him.

It began with Election Committee chairman Gary Bourbonnais noting that "we enjoyed widespread voter participation this year ... it's the first time we've seen that." Bourbonnais, who has served on the Election Committee for many years, said the committee received votes from as far away as Taiwan. Absentee balloting became part of the tribal law soon after Barrett was first elected chairman.

After recognizing winners of the tribe's first art show (see story elsewhere), tribal members heard a series of reports:

• **First National Bank & Trust**—President Larry Briggs reported "an outstanding year" with a 50 percent increase in profits. He said the tribally-owned bank has implemented a trust department "and the tribe was its first customer ... we've increased the trust income (for the tribe) by 50 percent." Briggs said that during the past year the bank grew by 15.5 percent,

loans by 24 percent and deposits increased by 12 percent. "We are well ahead of the competition," Briggs said. "We're the highest capitalized bank in the market area and made \$451,000 after taxes with a 1.27 percent return on investments." Barrett supplemented Briggs' remarks by noting that the tribe's investments are split three ways: one third in the bank earning 10 percent return, a third in the stock market earning 8.9 percent "or higher," and a third in government securities, T-bills and bonds.

• **Litigation**—Tribal general counsel Michael Minnis noted that "litigation expense has gone up enormously" in the past year because the tribe "is involved in a war." Part of that expense is the fight with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe about jurisdictional boundaries. "The Absentee Shawnees cling to the myth that they share this reservation," Minnis said. The federal court has ruled in favor of the Potawatomis but that decision has been appealed. "They are essentially claiming the State of Oklahoma as their reservation," the attorney said.

Two other matters have been resolved successfully, Minnis said. The Off-Track Betting compact is in place and the facility open, and the State of Oklahoma has refunded \$300,000 to the tribe for fuel taxes improperly withheld. "We were one of only three tribes to ask for the refund," the attorney said.

In yet another legal battle, one with C &

L Contractors and the state, "we have had virtually no success," Minnis said. "They got a \$40,000 judgment even though they did nothing for the tribe," he said. The claim resulted from a contract dispute over the roof work on the bank construction. The judgment was awarded in state court despite the tribe's protests that state courts had no jurisdiction. Minnis said the Supreme Court has been petitioned to hear the case and has accepted certiorari on a similar case.

Minnis noted that funding for tribes "is

already changing: the government will decrease funding ... If you don't fight for what is right, you'll lose it."

• **Financial Audit**—Accountant John Dillon said the tribe currently has \$61 million in assets. Changes during the past year include taking over management of the Seminole Golf Course and leasing out Fire Lake Restaurant. "Accounting is boring at lots of places," Dillon said, "but not here." He noted that the tribe's accounting

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### Election Abstract Potawatomi Tribal Election June 28, 1997

#### CHAIRMAN

John A. Barrett Jr. Unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #1 Unopposed

Paul Anthony Schmidkoker Unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #2 Unopposed

Jo Ann Johnson Unopposed

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OFFICE #3 Unopposed

No Candidate Filed

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Robert Poindexter Coffey Jr.

Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Yes	280	102	382
No	9	9	18

BUDGET: LAND, DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE

Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Yes	329	100	429
No	6	9	15



Chairman Barrett Honors Joie White For Her Many Years Of Service To The Tribe.



Craig Anderson, John Kremenak Look Over Old Allotment Records On Display At The Council Meeting.



Left: Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Visits With Bob Whistler.



Above: Committeeman Jerry P. Motley Answers Questions After The General Council. Right: Accounting Director Carolyn SullivanTakes Down Information From Janet Wright of Washington, D.C.



## Tribal members pose questions

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department again won a prestigious government accounting award.

As usual, the meeting ended with questions from the audience. Someone asked what tribal holdings are mortgaged, and was told that the only outstanding loan is one taken to build the bowling center. Someone else asked why per capita payments stopped, and Barrett explained that it would take "two years worth of profits" to make just a \$100 payment to each of the 23,800 tribal members.

Another question was "why the tribe donated a million to St. Gregory's?" Barrett responded that "we did not. We have contracted for services that we were already sending somewhere else." Other questions concerned tribal services available to members who live outside the Shawnee area and which costs are covered in general government. A question about when Health Services would include a doctor was answered with a quick "next week" from Barrett, who said arrangements for that are in the final stages.

Earlier in the meeting, Barrett recognized Joie White, who resigned at the end of June as tribal court clerk. "Fourteen years ago, we started an oral history project," Barrett said. "One of the most outstanding people I've ever been associated with came to work for that project." Since that first position, White has served in a variety of positions, including personnel director and court clerk. White, who was accompanied by her daughters, was presented with a plaque.

The youngest, eldest and the tribal member who traveled farthest to attend were recognized, and Barrett expressed satisfaction with the first annual Potawatomi Night. "We see a couple of hundred at regional councils," he said, "but others are here for the pow-wow that we never get to see." He said the Potawatomi-only evening was like a family reunion; "after all, our families have been together a couple of centuries."

## Nurse Ad

# Catholic, Potawatomi history blend in Sacred Heart tour

By Gloria Trotter

The boxwoods and the bulbs blend in with the wild Oklahoma landscape, but to the eye seeing through history's lens, they outline a remarkable chapter in the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Catholic church.

About 40 tribal members learned to look through that lens on trip to the past to Sacred Heart Mission June 28 as part of pow-wow weekend activities. The tour, an annual event in recent years, was made special this year by Father Lawrence, a Benedictine monk from St. Gregory's.

"This place is very important to the Benedictine monks and the Potawatomi tribe," said Father Lawrence, a native of Tecumseh. "The monks came from France about the same time the tribe came here (to Oklahoma). I'm delighted we've begun to reassert that relationship."

The tribe recently announced a series of joint ventures with St. Gregory's, which traces its roots to Sacred Heart, designed to offer increased educational opportunities for tribal members.

The fascinated tribal members from several states journeyed the 40 or so miles to the Sacred Heart site in the far southeast corner of Pottawatomie County in a caravan of vehicles put together when the turnout exceeded the capacity of the bus borrowed for the occasion. Most of those making the trip said it was the first time they had visited the historic site, and about half said they have family members who attended school at Sacred Heart or are buried in the two cemeteries near the church.

It was in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's fellowship hall that Father Lawrence began the tour, showing the group a scale model of what the mission complex looked like before it was destroyed by fire as well as photographs taken there. The church, which stands atop a hill overlooking the valley where the mission was established, still has an active congregation attending services in what was one of the first reinforced concrete structures in the area and still has its original pressed tin roof and walls brought in from St. Louis.

Father Lawrence told how Father Isodore Robot, the person credited with founding Sacred Heart, had served as a chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War and still sought an adventurous post once that conflict was over. "He wanted to go to missions," said Father Lawrence. So, he and Brother Dominic, previously a bodyguard to the Pope, set out for the New World, arriving in New Orleans in 1873.

"The bishop there did not give them a warm welcome," Father Lawrence said. In the meantime, the Bishop of Little Rock, whose responsibilities included Indian Territory in what is



*Above: The Only Two Remaining Buildings At Sacred Heart, The Bakery And The Cabin, Are Seen In The Distance Behind The Cornerstone For The Church That Was Never Built. Right: The Cabin, Often The Target Of Vandals, Is Framed By One Of The Arched Windows Of The Bakery.*

now Oklahoma, was concerned about the welfare of the new arrivals there. The Potawatomis were among those arrivals, and with their heritage of Catholicism and French language, "were anxious to have priests."

Father Robot and Brother Dominic arrived in Atoka, Oklahoma — where the railroad ended — on Columbus Day 1875. "They spent a year getting to know the various tribes in the area," Father Lawrence said, before accepting the Potawatomis' offer of a mile section of land for what was to become Sacred Heart.

"It was a choice piece of land," the priest told the visitors. "They build a cabin up on what was called Bald Hill. After one winter on top of that hill, they moved to the valley."

The mission began in 1876, with the Benedictines and Potawatomis collaborating on the construction of the huge complex of buildings. They were joined by the Sisters of Mercy, who schooled the young women of the area. But "the whole complex was wood ... it all burned in about 40 minutes," Father Lawrence said. "There was no loss of life or injury."

That devastating fire "marked the turning point for mission life," he said. Although the Sisters rebuilt their

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Above: Father Lawrence Points Out Where Formal Gardens Once Defined Meditation Areas. Below: Lake Nazareth, The Main Water Source For The Community.

## Sacred Heart

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school, the Benedictines chose another route. "Commerce was moving to the north," Father Lawrence said. "Shawnee invited the monks to come there and gave them land for a college." And the rest is history, as they say.

Today, in the beautiful valley that sheltered pioneer travellers as well as schooled hundreds of young Native Americans, only two of the original Sacred Heart buildings remain. The visitors curiously explored both the stone bakery and the cabin, which Father Lawrence said is of French design rather than Potawatomi. He explained the remains of foundations of buildings that had been and were to be, including a second church whose walls rose to five feet before the decision was made to move to Shawnee.

But what fascinated the visitors most were the things they couldn't actually see. Father Lawrence pointed to an area beyond the cabin where there is a spring and a pond. "There was a springhouse and a trough," he said, adding that the Bourbonnais cabin which now rests next to the Mission Church near tribal headquarters was first at Sacred Heart.

In another part of the mission, Father Lawrence explained how a landscape archaeologist visited Sacred Heart several years ago to look for signs of formal gardens typical of the period. "She looked for things not natural, things planted in rows," he explained, pointing to a hedge of Osage orange. "Legend has it that the Crown of Thorns was made from such a plant," he said. "The mission property was framed with it."

Also discovered, Father Lawrence said, were "signs of terraced gardens

and gold fish ponds," as well as boxwood entrances to meditation areas. "Bulbs in rows still come up every spring," he said. He led the tribal members through a newly-cleared passageway of spirea or bridal wreath lined with cedar trees that probably once featured the Stations of the Cross. The walkway circles a pedestal which once supported a statue of the Sacred Heart, now housed at St. Gregory's.

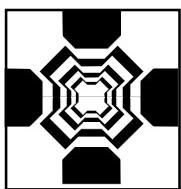
For most, the moving part of the visit to Sacred Heart was exploring the two cemeteries on the mission grounds. In one, the sisters who died there are buried in a beautiful area protected by a fence featuring elegant ironwork and guarded by a dramatic Crucifix. A few steps away, the Benedictines rest in what Father Lawrence termed "a very peaceful place." Father Robot is among those buried there, and Father Lawrence said his is "an important grave for Catholics in Oklahoma because it is the first permanent presence for the Catholic clergy."

Father Lawrence commended the Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society for the work that group has done in protecting and maintaining the mission grounds. Several of society members were on hand to help with the tour and served refreshments at the church.



*Father Robot's Grave*





# 24TH CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION POW WOW - 1997



Horseshoe Contest Winners: From Left, Third Place Winner Mike Tallbear; First Place Winner Aaron Wauahdoohah; And Second Place Winner Mark Bruno.



Hilton Melot, Mike Wood Check Out Horseshoe Arrangements

## Plenty of participants, spectators turn out for horseshoe tournament

By Linda Capps

A great turnout for the horseshoe tournament both in contestants and spectators resulted in another exciting event for the pow-wow week-

end! The tournament, which has steadily grown the past few years, hosted a near-record 21 contestants. Mike Wood, FireLake Golf Course manager, oversees the horseshoe tournament and the

preparation of the pitching grounds. Each year since Mike has been in charge, there has been improvement of the area. This year the grounds were really well-groomed! A hearty "thank you"

goes out to Mike Wood for his voluntary involvement with the horseshoe tournament. This is just one example of the wonderful work that the Citizen Potawatomi employees produced during the pow-wow. The employees are the ones who make our annual pow-wow such a grand event!

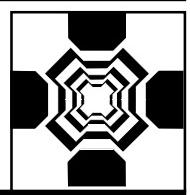


### Just For Kids

*There was plenty for the younger visitors to enjoy during Pow-Wow Weekend. Community & Family Services staff arranged several arts and crafts activities, such as the face painting at left, and the jewelry making below, while kids in the campground discovered the new playground equipment at right.*



# 1997 - 24TH CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION POW WOW



Above: Tribal Members Signed In For Potawatomi Night, Receiving A Name Tag Listing Their Tribal Family Name So They Could Locate Relatives. Right: Tribal Judge Lawrence Wahpepah Encourages Others To Come Out Into The Dance Arena.



## FIRST ANNUAL POTAWATOMI NIGHT



Left: Pat Schmidkofler Helps Cook The Traditional Meal Enjoyed By A Standing-Room-Only Crowd (Right) In The New Round House

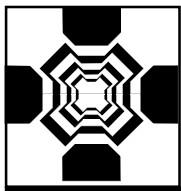


It Was A Real Family Reunion For The Delonais Family, Which Includes Three Sets Of Twins



Above: Hilton Melot, Right, Visits With Tribal Member Bill Trousdale, Brother Of Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale. Below: Head Man Dancer Zack Morris And Head Lady Dancer Georgia Tiger Lead An Indian Two-Step.





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## Church Services

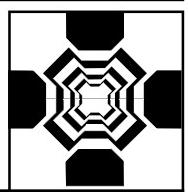
Above: Chairman Barrett, Chaplain Norman Kiker And Phinonse Williams Help Conduct The Annual Church Services On Sunday Morning At The Pow-Wow Grounds. Attendance At The Service Has Grown Each Year, As Reflected By The Crowd In The Photo At Right. The Gospel Singers "The Orphans" Sang For The Service. (Photos By Linda Capps)



Left: Health Services Staff Members Were On Hand All Day Saturday To Provide Free Health Checks And Goody Bags For Tribal Members Visiting Their New Facilities. Below Left, Vice Chairman Took This Photo In The New Round House Late Sunday Night When Pow-Wow Participants Were Forced To Take Advantage Of It For Shelter From A Thunderstorm. Below Right, Shoppers Enjoy Some Of The Many Vendors Who Offered Their Wares At The Pow-Wow Grounds.



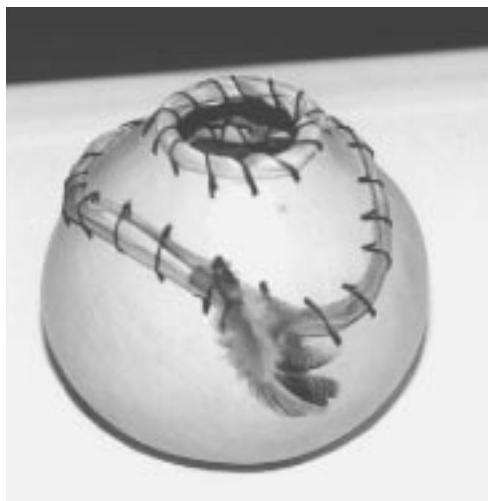
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**First Place Winner Jack Wooldridge With His Winning Print, Shown In The Close-up Below**



**Second Place Winner Nadiya Littlewarrior Is Shown At Right With Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Below Is A Close-up Of Her Piece.**



## First annual Art Show winners honored

Writer and artist Jack Wooldridge took first place honors in the first annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Show & Competition.

Winners were announced at the tribe's General Council meeting June 28 in Shawnee. Vice Chairman Linda Capps told tribal members that judges were very impressed with the quality of the work submitted. Although the

number of entries was not as high as hoped, Capps said all the entries showed great talent and ability.

Wooldridge, of Santa Cruz, California, won first place with a print. Second place was awarded to Nadiya Littlewarrior of Canyon Country, California, for her gourd-art piece called "Mixed Blood Eyes." Both Woolridge and Little were present to receive their

awards.

Third place went to Ron Striegel of Evergreen, Colorado, for his silver "Butterfly Bracelet." He was not able to attend the council meeting.

Entries were submitted by color slide. The first and second place winning entries were displayed at the council meeting.

### POW-WOW DANCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Golden Age Men

1st Place: Roderick Youngman

2nd Place: Gordon Roy

3rd Place: Floyd Moses

Golden Age Women

1st Place: Sylvestine Shields

2nd Place: Ramona Jacobson

3rd Place: Alta Reyes

Jr. Girls Cloth

1st Place: Johanna Gibson

2nd Place: Amanda Adson

3rd Place: Deidra Saumpty

Jr. Girls Buckskin

1st Place: Chalene Toehay

2nd Place: Pearl Roy

3rd Place: Andee StumblingBear

Jr. Girls Jingle

1st Place: Tah Fa Bushy

2nd Place: B.J. McDaniels

3rd Place: Dorothy Crowfeather

Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl

1st Place: Rachelle Tosee

2nd Place: Kandice McCoy

3rd Place: Samantha Bointy

Jr. Boys Straight

1st Place: William Tosee

2nd Place: Howard Cozad

3rd Place: A.J. Leadingfox

Jr. Boys Traditional

1st Place: Darrell Cable

2nd Place: Sequoyah Monroe

3rd Place: Josh LeadingFox

Jr. Boys Grass

1st Place: Keen-o Gallegos

2nd Place: Marty Thurman

3rd Place: Nickolas Wahpepah

Jr. Boys Fancy

1st Place: Joshua Ahhaity

2nd Place: Vernon Tsosie

3rd Place: Cu-Na Fields

Sr. Women Cloth

1st Place: Cassandra Bointy

2nd Place: Sandy Tate

3rd Place: Lori Murray

Sr. Women Buckskin

1st Place: Jackie Whitebuffalo

2nd Place: Rebecca Hamilton

3rd Place: Jonita Anquoe

Sr. Women Jingle

1st Place: Mary Carter

2nd Place: Lois Lontree

3rd Place: J.C. Lonetree

Sr. Women Fancy Shawl

1st Place: Tracey Moore

2nd Place: Michelle Bushy

3rd Place: Lillian Goodeagle

Sr. Men Straight

1st Place: Jason Lightfoot

2nd Place: Zack Morris

3rd Place: Terry Tsotigh

Sr. Men Traditional

1st Place: Gary Tomshsah

2nd Place: Charles Hindsley

3rd Place: Morgan Tosee

Sr. Men Grass

1st Place: Dennis Nevaquaya

2nd Place: Junior Todome

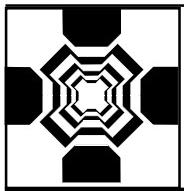
3rd Place: Marty Pinnecoose

Sr. Men Fancy

1st Place: R.G. Harris

2nd Place: Joe Bointy

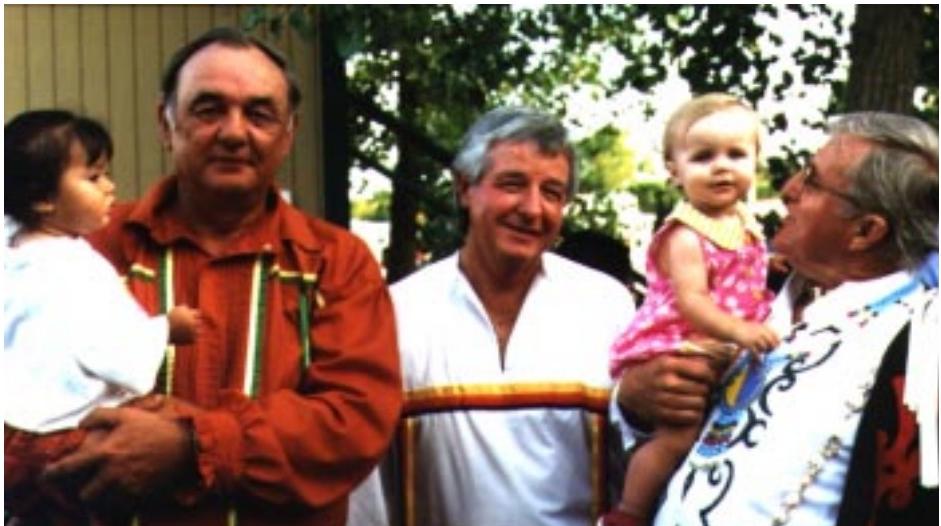
3rd Place: Wayne Silas Jr.

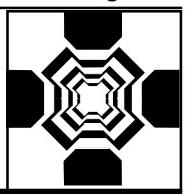


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Above: Dancers, Spectators Fill Arena During Grand Entry. Left: Grass Dancer Competes For Big Prize Money. Right: Beautiful Ladies Cloth Dancers Make Their Entry Into The Arena. Below: Business Committeemen Jerry Motley, Left, And Hilton Melot, Right, Pose With Their Granddaughters While Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Looks On (His New Grandson Is Pictured On Page 4).





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Above: Head Lady Dancer Georgia Tiger, Left, And Chairman Barrett, Right, Crown The 1997 Potawatomi Princess, Kristy Phillips. Right: Dancers Are Profiled Against The Sky During Grand Entry. Below Left: Colorful Jingle Dress Dancers All In A Row. Below Right: Chairman Barrett, In Traditional Dress, Watches Pow-Wow Dancing.





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## REGIONAL REPORTS

### North Texas

The Business Council meeting and Pow Wow for 1997 have come and gone. The special Friday night Potawatomi Night had a great turnout. The evening was scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. with a dinner. I arrived at 4:45 p.m. to "help" and was told that people were seated and ready at 4:00 p.m. I never have been one to arrive early, but after this, it looks as though I need to revamp my time frame. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and we all need to thank Esther Lowden and her crew for their hard work. The events that followed in the arena were informative and enjoyable, although I did hear

several people say they almost did not survive the two-step.

I faithfully attended the language classes and found there are some of our members who are doing quite well. I am not one of them, but I will keep trying. The round house, as it was referred to, helped to make the Gourd Dancing on Sunday outstanding. A nice breeze, shade and a beautiful drum all contributed to a special reverent ceremony.

Our weather was mixed, some hot times, but the rain showers and cool front provided a downright chilly Saturday night. The storm on Sunday evening also brought a hurried conclu-

sion to the Pow Wow competition. We're not used to being through before 1:00 a.m. or so. All in all, this annual get together is a pleasant, productive time and though I did not speak with as many of my region's tribal members as usual, I hope you were there.

I'm looking forward to the Gathering in August and we were all told the weather is lovely on Oklahoma that time of year. Just can't help thinking this may have been more than a little tongue-in-cheek. Guess we will find out. Come and join in if you can. Call if I can be of help. I always enjoy visiting with you.

— Marj Hobdy

### Washington

#### How Nikan! And Greetings from Seattle!

As you have noticed if you tried to reach me in June, it was a very busy month for me.

We spent nine days up in Lafayette, Indiana, attending the Woodland Workshops. Eric took the river cane flute class and one on making porcupine quill boxes while I took the porcupine quill box class and one on making Woodland-style moccasins. It was exciting to wear the moccasins in Grand Entry in Shawnee! Our time in Indiana is always one of deep concentration over projects and a lot of fun as well. When a friend spoke a Potawatomi phrase to me and I understood her, I knew our language classes were going well and that I'm beginning to catch on to something! The week flew by and it was hard to leave.

On the 21st we flew to Oklahoma and visited the bomb site before driving up into Kansas to spend some time with my cousin Leo Nadeau and his wife Ida, visit a few people, and to do some

genealogy research in the federal archives in Kansas City and the research center of the Kansas State Historical Society. There is so much information in these two sites we didn't begin to touch it all and will have to return when we have more time. I highly recommend them both if you are doing family or tribal research.

We then drove down to Shawnee to attend the annual pow wow and council meeting. What a fun time of visiting with old friends and new, of good food and good dancing and gook talk! We were up late and got up early, trying to do everything we could and see everyone we wanted to see. It was a special joy having my parents there this year. It was their first pow wow in Shawnee and they had a great time!

I don't know what happened to last month's article; somewhere along the way it got misplaced and didn't make it into the HowNiKan. I apologize to all of you for its absence.

Our language classes are continuing

to meet this summer on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Although I can't speak it yet, it's exciting to me to now and then be able to catch a word and understand it! If you'd like to join us, call the Kitsap County Indian Center and ask for directions — it's tricky to find. Their number is 360-692-7460. We'd be happy to have you.

In January, Eric and I started taking a series of retirement classes to prepare us for his upcoming early retirement. As a result I realize there's a lot I need to do before we take off in our camper as full-timers (or at least long-term part-timers!). Therefore, I have with regret submitted my resignation as your Regional Director. I have tremendously enjoyed the opportunity to get to know you and work with you. And you will definitely be missed. My hope is that we will bump into one another down the road and have a chance to sit awhile and visit. It's been a true pleasure and one I will treasure the rest of my life.

— Susan Campbell

### Midwest

#### Bourzho from Kansas City,

We had a great time at our regional council meeting on May 17 which held at the United Church of Christ in Kansas City, Kansas. We had around 130 people in attendance. The food was catered by Wyandot Bar B Q. Our northern drum was Grey Eagle. The head singer was John Joe Reyes and family from Raytown, Missouri. We thank them for coming out to join us.

I also had some other very special guests in attendance. Aleksander and Slajana Totic who are from Belgrade, Yugoslavia. They currently reside in the

United States. Alek is a pharmacist, and both are independent business owners. My other guests were Arvind and Nutan Aggerwal and their children Robin and Devina. They are originally from Nairobi, Kenya and are of Indian descent (from India, that is.) Dr. Aggerwal is an oncologist and hematologist here in Kansas City. They too are also independent business owners. It has been very interesting getting to know these folks and learning about their traditions and cultures. They are looking forward to seeing a real Native American pow wow.

I was unable to go the pow wow in Shawnee this year. I wasn't feeling well and I didn't want to expose other people to whatever I had. So, I decided the best thing to do was to stay home and get better. This is the first pow wow I've missed in six years. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time and I was there in spirit.

If you have any items of interest, pow wow listings or other events, please let me know and I will pass it on. Until next time, take care of one other.

Pama mine",

— Maryann Welch

# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Colorado .....

Here it is mid-July and I am beginning to wonder where the summer has gone. It seems like we have been on the go since school let out.

The day after my fourteen-year-old son John got out of school for the summer, we were off to Lafayette, Indiana, to participate in the Prophetstown summer classes. John was enrolled in two classes, black ash baskets and birch bark baskets with quillwork. I was to teach ribbonwork shawls. I've had the opportunity to participate in workshops before, but always as a student, never as the instructor. I don't mind saying that I was "a little nervous." Now that it's all behind me, I can honestly say that I had no reason to worry. And I am delighted to share with everyone the joy of our first trip to the land of our ancestors ....

We left mid-morning on Saturday. It was a two hour flight from Denver to Indianapolis and it was raining when we arrived. It rained all the way to Lafayette. We settled in and later met with Susan and Eric Campbell who were also participating in the summer classes. We made plans for Sunday to travel to Rochester and South Bend, Indiana, and Bertrand, Michigan. Being a Bertrand descendant, and Potawatomi, this trip was certain to be an exciting one!

Our first stop was at the Fulton County Historical Society in Rochester, Indiana, and a visit with its president Shirley Willard, a former school teacher, historian, and just a really nice lady. She shared a fraction of her knowledge of the Potawatomi history, and showed us their gift shop, which has a wonderful selection of Potawatomi historical books. After a brief visit, refreshments and shopping, we were off again to South Bend, Indiana. Enroute we stopped several times to pay our respects and pray at some of the "Potawatomi Trail of Death" markers.

Susan and Eric shared with us some of the removal history. I was amazed that at each burial site I felt such a feeling of deep sadness and grief. When we arrived at South Bend, we went to the Notre Dame campus, paid our respects to the Potawatomi buried at the cemetery, visited the Navarre family cabin and the church.

Next stop: Bertrand, Michigan, a small town located just across the Indiana and Michigan state line, population 5,500. I was quick to notice that the major streets were named after my aunts and uncles. Madeline Bertrand County Park, named for my grandmother, is maintained by Berrien County. The St. Joseph's river, "old muddy," runs parallel to provide the

boundary line of the land. The park is located at the site of Joseph Bertrand's trading post, also known as the Parc aux Vaches (cow pasture). There are shelters and hiking trails named for various family members.

I thought about the commercialism of such a beautiful place, but quickly dismissed it from my mind. The Bertrand family were traders, and I am sure they would have liked the advertisement! The park rangers were all very nice, didn't charge us the customary entrance fee, and allowed me access to some of the information that they had on the Bertrand family. John, Eric and I walked over to the site of the original buildings, which sits nestled on a bluff at the edge of the woods overlooking the river. We spent some time here, looking around at the woods, the trees, the buildings, the river.

While looking down the river, we watched two canoes paddling around a small bend in the river towards us. I quickly imagined my grandmother standing on or near the same spot, watching canoes paddle down the river, greeting friends, family, and traders, looking at those same big old trees in the woods, following a cardinal flitting from tree to tree. Calling her family to the house for a meal, watching her family at work and play.

I knew that Madeline Bertrand had a fine house but preferred to live the Potawatomi way of life and spent most of the time in a teepee in back of the house. According to my mother's Bible, my grandmother Mary Anastayshia Higbee was born in a teepee there. I thought a lot about where and who I was. Walking the same trails, breathing the same fresh clean air, the river, the woods, the animals. We left the park, and drove a short distance to a very old, unkept cemetery that was also next to the river. It was overgrown with weeds and wild flowers; the old trees had trunks four feet in diameter. Their limbs made a natural shady arbor covering the entire cemetery. It was a very inviting place.

We were told that the Michigan Historical Society was putting the cemetery on the list of historical sites. Susan, Eric, John, and I went in different directions reading headstones. Shortly, Susan called out she had found grandmother Madeline's final resting place. It was over close to the edge of the cemetery. From her grave site you could clearly see the St. Joseph river. It was marked by a lovely stone, even though it had suffered at the hands of vandals. We spent some time here. It was a peaceful place. Susan and I talked about our ancestors, their beginnings, travels, relocation to Kansas and Oklahoma. In

places like this you feel their presence, you feel at peace. I was delighted to have been able to share this experience with my youngest child. I had gone to Grandma's house and she welcomed me with open arms. I found my roots. I'll go back again.

We left Bertrand, tired and excited. We had to be at Camp Ross outside Lafayette at 6:00 for a welcoming dinner with Nick Clark, the director of Prophetstown, the other instructors, and students. It was still raining off and on. After a great dinner, we gathered in a talking circle, to introduce ourselves. The week was divided into two class sessions. I had 15 students, some seasoned at sewing, a couple had never sewn a stitch. However, at the end of both sessions, everyone had completed their ribbonwork shawls.

One of my students was a Potawatomi elder from Michigan, a very beautiful woman. One rainy afternoon we were sewing and talking about what a good soup day it was. Well, that led to receipts. I told her that my little German grandma used to make a milk noodle soup that was a favorite in my family. She asked how to make it, so I proceeded to tell her. I was about half way through the directions of the receipt, and she picked up, telling me the directions. I was shocked that she knew how to make my soup. She patted me, and told me "My dear, that soup isn't German, it's Potawatomi soup. It's called Kuk sha na boo Baa gaa tag." I cried, she patted.

John really enjoyed his two classes. His first class was black ash basket weaving, and was taught by Ottawa/Potawatomi elder Aggie Rapp, and Judy Augusta. John made several wonderful baskets under their supervision, and by the end of the class he received the wonderful honor of calling Aggie "Grandma." He also has a great new friend in Judy. His second class was doing quill work on birch bark. I think he's a natural at both his new crafts. After dinner on the last day we all joined again in the talking circle to share our comments about the workshops of the past week, do little give aways, and say our good-byes. I know that John and I both had a wonderful week and make great new friends. We'll never forget either.

On Saturday, Susan, Eric, John, and I went on our last excursion. We headed back north to travel all of the "Trail of Death" markers we could cover, from Chief Menominee's statue, Father Badin's church site, to the Tippecanoe battle ground. We then moved on the future site of the Phopetstown Museum and Park. What a beautiful and wonderful place that will be. I was

thrilled that another Bertrand descendant and cousin, Burke Wyatt, was working with that project. All the while it was till raining. We heard that this area had gotten more rain than it had in 20 years, that the Wabash, Eel, Tippecanoe, St. Joseph and Kankakee rivers were flowing over their banks, and there was lots of low land flooding.

Sunday we flew home. It was so nice to be back, if only for a week. Then we were off to Oklahoma for General Council and Pow Wow. It was a good gathering again this year. Friday evening was the first annual Potawatomi night. I've never seen so many Potawatomi people inter-tribal dancing in my life. What a beautiful sight! The entire weekend was exceptional, from beginning to end. My compliments to Chairman Barrett, the Business Committee, Esther Lowden and the Pow Wow Committee, and the entire tribal staff. A good Pow Wow takes the combined efforts and participation of all interested parties to be a success. The 1997 Potawatomi Pow Wow was a success.

Congratulations to:  
Ron Striegel, of Evergreen, Colorado. Ron won third place in the Potawatomi Tribal Arts Competition. He entered two silver and turquoise bracelets in the contest.

Jeremy Bertrand Finch and his new bride Mardesia, wishing you a long happy life together, blessed with many children.

Heartfelt Thanks to Nick Clark, Director of Prophetstown Museum and Park. Nick is doing a wonderful job in Indiana, preserving Indian history.

Farewell to Susan Campbell. Upon my return home from Oklahoma, I received notice of your resignation. Most blessed good wishes to both you and Eric upon retirement and resignation. Both of you have been a ray of sunshine in our lives, with your kindness and sharing of yourselves, and your knowledge of the Potawatomi people. I am proud to walk the path with both of you.

John and I both have gotten richer this summer. We made some great new friends, saw some beautiful new country, learned a new art. Spent time with family, and friends doing things we enjoy. What more can you ask for?

From the book *Winnie the Pooh*, in a conversation between Christopher Robin and Winnie: "Pooh, you know friendship is a very comforting sort of thing to have."

Ja ge na go  
(We are all related)  
Until next time,

**Penny Bishop**

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### Oregon/Idaho .....

#### How Ni Kan, (hello my friend)

#### Ne Ji Na? I am Wunit (good)

It was truly a wonderful time at Council this year, starting with the Friday evening, Potawatomi Night. What a huge success! Wish you could have all been there to enjoy that dinner together under our new "Round House" or covered arena. I understand it is 20,000 square feet under cover. The meal was wonderful and the gathering of all the different families, with people finding cousins and kin they didn't know about. More than five hundred ate, danced and had a lot of fun together. The feeling was very strong and very good.

The schedule for the August "Gathering of the Nations" will be out soon. This will be a good time for any of you to talk to Elders. If your are looking for the meaning of an Indian name, your clan name, or history, our Elders are a world of knowledge for us. Most of our families came from Kansas to Oklahoma and before that from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, and this is where the other Potawatomi Bands are coming from, even Canada.

Saturday was language class and that was good also. So now I have learned a new word — Wunit or good. So if someone says to you Ne Ji Na? (How are you) just say Wunit. Good. Well,

actually I learned a few more words but I'm still working on the punctuation. Council was informative as usual and seems like everywhere we went, there was more food. I'm sure glad they know how we Indians like to eat. Then there was Gourd Dancing under the new Round House, and believe me the shade was a blessing. Gourd Dancing was bigger and better than ever before, with dancers lined all the way around the arena. It was my pleasure to dance next to Mr. Hilton Melot from our committee.

Sunday found us under the Blue Tent (Big Top) at church with Norman Kiker. The singing group The Orphans sang

before service, and the lunch after was very refreshing for all of us. Then back to Pow-Wow again. How I wish you could all have been there with me. It was great!

Treat yourself to a Pow-Wow here in Oregon. I have a few listed below:

COBURG POW-WOW — July 18-20, Coburg, Oregon

SILETZ POW-WOW & PARADE — August 8-10, Siletz, Oregon

GRAND RONDE POW-WOW — August 15-17, Grand Ronde, Oregon

Until next month, friend, Pa Ma (See ya later)

Megwich,

— Rocky Baptiste

### Northern California .....

#### Bozho, niconi,

The pow wow this year was a good one. Especially good was the Potawatomi night on Friday. Picture the Round House with many long tables set up in rows. On those tables are large bowls of meat, corn soup, hominy, green beans, and peaches. Plates of potatoes and fry bread and cookies and fresh fruit complete a wonderful meal laid out for Potawatomi families to enjoy.

There was a huge turnout, proving once again that where there's food ... need I say more? I helped serve iced tea and water as well as helped to clean up, which gave me a great opportunity to say hello to many of our people and really be a part of the activity. It was good to see Harold Pierce and his family from Seal Beach, as well as John and Helen Shepard from Rancho Cordova enjoy this time too. I watched as people introduced themselves to others at the tables and shared family names and joked and just had a great time together. Migwetch to Rocky and to Esther for making this such a special time.

The pow wow after the meal had a warm, friendly feel to it. There were a lot of people going into the circle for the first time and it was so special that way. White Thunder Drum (Pokagan Potawatomi) provided beautiful songs with a strong beat for us. It is good to see our young men carrying on our traditions in the right way. We can thank our elders for their good teachings ... in this case, Clarence White. I hope someday we will have a Citizen Potawatomi drum to join them.

The rest of the pow wow activities were enjoyable as always, with the

wonderful dancers and drums, lots of good food and vendors selling all kinds of things. We were treated to a great "light show" on Sunday evening. By the time we got back to our motel, huge drops of rain were falling. We went to sleep to deep thunder and a steady patter of rain.

Other things that went on that weekend included another language lesson. This one focused on the new pronunciation key and spelling that will standardize learning our language. Many thanks to Walter Cooper for continuing to give us his knowledge and help, his caring and love. Thanks to Norman Kiker, Susan Baptiste, and Lu Ellis for their very important leadership and devotion in getting all of this to happen.

The General Council meeting gave us reports on many areas of tribal business activity. New to this meeting were awards to three Potawatomi artists who entered their work in the first annual art show. I am so very pleased to congratulate Jack Wooldridge on winning first place in this competition. He has given us so much already in his Potawatomi fables books for children. It is good to see his gift in painting recognized and valued as well. Bravo, Jack!

My daughter, Duette, watched over our house and handled messages for me. If you called and didn't leave a message, please let me know what you need. These are the only dates I plan to be gone in the near future: week of July 25 -August 4, weekend of August 16th, and August 21-25. I will be checking in for messages, as always.

The picnic, once again, is August 16

at Recreation Park in Auburn. It's from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or so. Bring a dish to share, your table setting, and non-alcoholic beverage. We will have children's activities, horseshoe tournament, and if I get responses with interest in loom beading and basket making, we will do that again along with any other activity you may want to lead. I am willing to teach you how to make a dream catcher as well, if you call for a supply list. I have started to get re-

sponses already, but I have also gotten a lot of forwarding-order-expired envelopes, so if you have moved or know a member of your family who has moved, please let me know and I'll re-send their flyer. It will be a good day to gather!

I have given you the dates for the local pow wows thus far and hope you will spend some time in the circle. It is a good place to be. I wish you all well.

Pama mine...

— Jennifer J. Porter

### South Texas .....

#### Bosho from Southeast Texas,

Potawatomi Day was exceptional! If you weren't there, you missed a feast, a reunion with friends and family, and a night of songs and dancing in beautiful weather. It couldn't have been better! Many of you were there, it was good to see you, and I hope you had as much fun as I did.

The entire Pow-Wow was great. We had a language class on Friday, and I think we learned a lot. We had the White Thunder Drum with us, and they are really good. We have twenty two O'Gee family members there, and another family had five generations present. That is what it's all about.

The only things I saw that could have been improved upon were the abundance of residual trash laying about on the pow-wow grounds (shame on us, fouling our Mother Earth that way!), and the rain storm on Sunday night. Earth Mother will wash away what we leave around that should be in the trash bins, and maybe eventually us too if we

don't respect her more than we were showing at the Pow-Wow with our foam cups and plates and other trash, all over the grounds.

We danced, with Mom and Dad and the kids and grandkids, and we found that to be uplifting. If you don't dance, you are missing a great healing process and much joy.

It was fine to be with all the Regional Directors again, and to see you looking well and know that you are working hard on behalf of the people all over Turtle Island. Aho!

In future months, I will be writing this letter in Bode'wadmi, and in English, so I can help you to learn more words, and to grasp the sentence structuring. It is quite different than English, I am learning. I hope you will learn along with me, and we will be able to communicate a little better soon in our own language.

Take care of each other.  
BamaMine'

— Lu Ellis

# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Southern California .....

### Bourzho from Pasadena!

As the articles in this month's How Ni Kan will tell you, the 1997 Potawatomi Pow-Wow was one of the best ever! Friday night was Potawatomi only, and it was a tremendous success. The tribal employees worked tirelessly to make all feel welcome, our tribal police kept us safe, and our beloved tribal chaplain, Norman Kiker, soothed our weary souls. A special thanks goes out to each and every one!

As you saw on the front page of last month's paper, our round house was ready in time, and boy, did it come in handy! The foresight to build it is characteristic of how we look ahead and plan for our future.

The Business Committee watches all expenditures closely — we depend on them to. It's a brave responsibility that each member takes very seriously. The tricky part is, it's impossible to know what challenges the future will bring. So, they judiciously study all aspects of a proposal, confer with every available expert, employ their own considerable expertise, and discuss the matter exhaustively. Only then will they commit our resources — or decline to.

Once again, the Business Committee has demonstrated their wisdom and foresight. Any speculation about the advisability of building that round house was put to rest on Sunday night when a huge storm came rumbling down on us out of Kansas.

As it happens, this year we didn't have the option of moving the powwow to the Expo Center, as we've done in years past when the weather turned bad. Without the round house, the powwow would have ended abruptly. Instead, we just moved our chairs the twenty or thirty feet to the shelter of its protective roof and stout supports, and carried on as the rain pounded down, the wind blew, and the thunder and lightning crashed all around us.

I think it's a fitting allegory for the shelter our tribal government provides us. Storms are constantly brewing around us — from the state and federal governments who would just as soon see all Indian people disappear, to other unscrupulous individuals who would love to bleed us dry. And there seems never to be a shortage of challengers to our sovereignty.

There are those among us who do not look ahead to what we need as a people. They only know what they want for themselves as individuals. Those who would like to see our assets cut up into tiny per capita payments are an excellent example.

But with the guidance of our current

tribal government, we have built a strong house, a house that will last for generations. Under its protective roof, we are free to be ourselves, and to celebrate our ways.

We should be grateful that Creator has provided us with a government of strength and wisdom, rather than one of weakness and short-sightedness. High praise goes to the Business Committee. Their leadership is the best in Indian Country. Gitche megwetch to all five members! Aho!

On a local note: Did you know that the head dancer and program emcee for the Native American dancing exhibit at Knott's Berry Farm is Potawatomi Brother Gary Sulcer? He proudly announces who his people are at every show. Usually, he dances men's traditional, but now, he's hoop dancing, and you should see him! I'm hoping to get him to go the Shawnee for our Gathering of the Nations in August to share his tremendous talents with us. We'll see ... Whenever you go to Knott's, stop by

and give him a hearty "Bourzho!"

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, whose countless mocassins marked the path so clearly for us; with love for our brothers and sisters, who walk this path at our side; and with hope and determination to do the best we can for those who will follow, even to the seventh generation.

Megwetch,

— Jeremy Bertrand Finch

## Southwest .....

### Bosho, Ni je na?

And a good time was had by all! Pow Wow was great. Friday night was really special, meeting with new friends and visiting with old, eating together and dancing the intertribals. I darn near killed myself out there prancing like a teenager in the two step. But it was so fun and I am real glad I did it.

I'd like to thank the Business Committee, for all the work and planning that went into this wonderful gathering. To Esther Lowden, for once again going that extra mile to make Pow Wow wonderful — she never lets us down. I look forward to next year.

Congratulations to Jeremy Bertram Finch, on his recent nuptials. I wish him and his lovely bride a long and happy

marriage. A fond farewell to Susan Campbell in Washington; I wish you and Eric much luck and Godspeed in all your future endeavors. Susan has been an outstanding leader and representative for us. She and her husband Eric have traveled far and wide to bring us much needed knowledge of our past and they were gracious enough to share this information with us. Please keep in touch, Susan, and enjoy your travels in the future.

In June of this year a very dear member of our tribe walked on to be with her creator. Grace Merrifield was an outstanding lady and a friend of mine. I will miss her and I know she is missed by those closest to her.

Well the thermometer on the wall reads 112! So most people are enjoying indoor activities like Heard Museum, Mystery Castle, The Hall of Flame Museum and the new Phoenix Science Center which will all be enjoyable. Some of us lucky enough to escape to Flagstaff and enjoy cooler weather and many activities. As for me I am going to stay inside where it's air conditioned until this heat spell goes away ... in Arizona? Yeah, right.

Well, I will close for now, friends, but remember: "If you find happiness inside yourself, you'll start finding it in a lot of other places too."

Megwich,

— Philonise Williams



## More Kansas City Regional Photos

Vice Chairman Linda Capps found a couple of more photos from the Kansas City Regional Council on another roll of film. At left are the Peddicords — Jim, Mary, Jon and Tasi — of Guam, who were recognized for traveling the farthest to the meeting. At right, Chairman John Barrett poses with Marie Tipton, the wisest tribal member present at 88 years of age (that's her son Tony Tipton in the background). The Kansas City Regional was held May 17.



## IN YOUR OPINION...

# Writer calls this year's pow-wow 'a great experience'

Dear HowNiKan:

I just got back from the annual Pow Wow and I wanted to express my appreciation for the great job done by those volunteers and staff members that were involved in making this year's Pow Wow a great experience. I know it was a lot of hard work and planning for a lot of people and I am very grateful. Megwetch!

I especially loved Potawatomi Night on Friday. The food was great and being able to sit at tables in our beautiful new arbor gave us a real feeling of all being an

extended family, which we are. And as we danced that night as a tribe, I felt more of a sense of community than I ever have. I felt that there was the beginning of a healing of our tribe taking place that night, and I hope that many, like me, were inspired to learn more about our traditions, our history, and what it means to be Potawatomi. I hope we will have many more such events in the future.

On Saturday night the weather was perfect, thanks to a rain we had in the afternoon which cooled things down

considerably. The Grand Entry was truly a grand spectacle and I felt the excitement and anticipation building as everyone looked forward to the dancing that was to come. Then the MC handed the microphone over to an individual for a "Special" that brought the program to a screeching halt for at least 45 minutes. I really feel that these kinds of "Specials" should be scheduled at the very end of the Pow Wow or at some other time when they will not be disruptive to the flow of the program. (I am not referring to the crowning and the Special that

was done for this year's Potawatomi Princess. That, of course, was entirely appropriate because it involved our whole tribe.)

My only other disappointment this year was that the women's prize money was still not equal to the men's. I see no reason for this unfair treatment. I hope this injustice will be corrected by next year.

Other than that, I enjoyed watching the contest and dancing in the intertribal dances very much. I was especially touched by seeing the

elders, the tiny tots, the teenagers, the moms and dads, all out there dancing with their families and their community. The Pow Wow is truly a family event. It builds a feeling of community and pride for the Indian people. The children I see who grow up going to Pow Wows seem to have a sense of self-respect and pride that I'm sure will keep them on the right path as they grow to be responsible young men and women.

Megwetch!

Martha Wright  
Dallas, Texas

## Reader says thanks for 'our fine newspaper'

Bozho niconi,

I am writing to thank the editors and those who contribute to our fine newspaper. I have been receiving the HowNiKan for several years now and always enjoy reading it. I especially enjoy the historical articles and photographs. I'm sorry I've taken so long to express my feelings. As a teacher, I realize that we all, both children and adults, need to hear that our efforts are appreciated from time to time. I would also like to commend our tribal leaders for their efforts to maintain the Citizens Potawatomi Nation as a sovereign entity. This is an exciting time in history in which Native Americans need to define, maintain and indeed further develop the concept of Native American sovereignty.

I am a grandchild of Amanda and Gilbert Neddeau. It's been many years since I have left Oklahoma but I have fond memories of my many Potawatomi aunts and uncles, all of whom have sadly passed away. I still have many cousins (Fairchilds in particular) living in the area. I send my love and hope you read these lines. From the names I see in the HowNiKan I can assume that I have many more distant Potawatomi relatives including Trousdale, Nadeaux and

others that I'm not aware of. I've read the notices of family reunions the last couple of years. We would like to have attended but family obligations have made it impossible.

My wife and I are employed as teachers by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the "Checkerboard" area of the Navajo Nation. We live in a beautiful area of New Mexico in the foothills of the Jemez Mountains. We have pine and aspen covered mountains and miles of sandstone mesas. This area has

wildlife, scenery and a unique cultural combination of Native Americans, Hispanics and Anglos. Should any of my Potawatomi relatives (surely we're all related somehow!) care to visit our area, please feel free to stop by. No kiddin'. Our phone number is 505-289-3905.

Once again, my heartfelt (and belated) thanks go out to everyone responsible for the publication of the HowNiKan.

Robert Neddeau  
P.O. Box 566  
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

## New Potawatomi Night events were big hit with Chickasha visitors

Dear Rocky:

Just a note of appreciation to you, the business committee and staff of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Peggy and myself have been attending a majority of the Pow Wows since the 1970s and we have seen a humble beginning at recapturing the culture, to today's achievements.

We know you had a vision for the direction of the tribe many years ago, and we wanted to see it take place. Honestly, we weren't sure that it could come about due to differences of opinion of tribal members. Today many results of the vision can be seen to have come about. Fund producing enterprises for the benefit of

tribal members are in place, and services for tribal members are ever increasing.

The events of last night were particularly appreciated. The new covered arena will provide shelter for many activities. The meal was in good taste, and also tasted good. One could see the prevailing attitude of the staff by their presences and work to make the gathering a pleasant one. It was a fine time to visit old friends and family.

Thanks to you and the staff, and may the vision continue and reach out in service to the tribal members.

Sincere appreciation

Harold McCreery  
Chickasha, Oklahoma

## Old owl memories sought

Dear Editor & People of the Fire:

My partner of over a decade, Roy Mathes (a tribal member of the Potawatomi Nation) suggested writing the HowNiKan to answer my question.

Recently I had a special visitation by a small owl. I was visiting my baby grandson, and returning home, when I glimpsed a flutter of movement in my rear-view mirror. I had just decided it had to be outside the car, when this small owl lit on my shoulder and stayed there. I was very surprised, and since I was traveling 45 m.p.h., all I could do was turn, say hello to my small friend.

He stayed on my shoulder as I found a turn-around spot and return him to his tree area. I carried him back to the tree line as he calmly rode on my shoulder. He then flew up into a large cedar tree, and sat looking at me for a few very intense moments. I said my respects and said farewell. I am part Osage and know a visitation from an owl has a special meaning.

Neither Roy or I can remember what the "Old Stories" say about this.

We both read HowNiKan every month and decided your members could help me bring this experience to understanding.

I have been blessed with many visits from all sorts of different animals over 40 plus years, and treat them all with reverence and the respect they deserve.

If any of you readers have any of the "old memories" about my friend the owl, I would appreciate greatly the sharing of "the stories."

Thank you so much for any feedback available.  
Sincerely,

Kathy Rozzoni & Roy Mathes  
Belfair, Washington

## Thanks for glasses, dental care

Mr. Barrett:

I want to thank you for the assistance I have received from the Potawatomi Tribe for glasses and dental care in the last year. This program has made it possible for me to get better quality services, as I would not have been able to do so without it. I will continue to request these services as long as they are available to me. Again, thank you.

Judith Kay (White) Pahocony  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

# TRIBAL TRACTS



*Frank Cleary, Dennette Brand*

## **Two St. Gregory's interns working with Community & Family Services**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has hired two interns to help with the Community and Family Services programs this summer. The two interns are Dennette Brand and Frank Cleary, who both attend St. Gregory's College.

The internship will provide them with people skills, organizational skills, and a chance to be involved within the community. Community and Family Services provides many wonderful programs to the area youth. Some of the programs for this summer are the AirStream Convention, the Pow-Wow, Intensive Week at St. Gregory's, and the Summer Prevention program. Dennette and Frank are helping Shirl Hubert coordinate and work these various programs.

Dennette Brand is 24 years old and attends St. Gregory's College, where she will be a senior this fall. She is majoring in marketing, and would like the opportunity to work with a marketing firm in the near future. This internship will give her an opportunity to market the programs that Community and Family Services offers and will give her a chance to develop her communication and people skills, as well as helping the community at the same time.

Frank Cleary is 22 years old and attends St. Gregory's College, where he is majoring in theology. He is interested in working in youth ministry and feels that this job will give him the opportunity to experience the real circumstances in which many people live.



## **Young Beauty**

**Ten-month-old Shelby Erikson won the grand champion title in the New Star Discovery Pageant last spring, and collected eight more trophies and a crown in state competition in May. She will compete for the national title in August in Lisle, Illinois. She is the daughter of tribal member Linda Foreman Erikson of Topeka, Kansas.**

## **DONATIONS TO ARCHIVES, MUSEUM**

KATHLEEN ROSE KIKER donated her entire (and subsequently complete) collection of HowNiKans to the Archives.

RUBY PAGE IN MEMORY OF BUD ONZAHWAH donated a birch house model, two rawhide shields, two stone axes, and one ball stick to the Museum. All items were made and assembled by Bud.

JANET WRIGHT placed a birch bark container decorated in porcupine quills (made by a Chippewa woman named Nellie Mexiong) on loan to the Museum.

GEORGE L. DANSENBURG AND SUSAN CAMPBELL renewed their Museum loan agreement on one pair of beaded moccasins, beaded hat band, beaded sash with yarn tassels, beaded woman's purse, and a black ribbon men's ribbon shirt. A woman in the Shawnee area made all of the articles in the early 1900s for Mr. Dansenburg's uncle, Will Weatherholt.

JERRY AND JOYCE POWELL donated "the Prevention and Cure of Disease: A Practical Treatise on the Nursing and Home Treatment of the Sick" published in 1907. These rare books were donated "In Memory of Wynema Powell Harp and Lavena Powell Terry."

REBA CONWAY donated her father Frank Wano Jr.'s feather headdress and portrait to the Museum.

JUSTIN NEELY donated several color photograph copies of the Navarre and DeGraff family to the Archives along with the photograph narratives.

NADIYA LITTLEWARRIOR donated "Indians of America" published in 1935 to the Archives.

And finally, CELESTIA AND VERNON HATLEY (non-tribal members) donated the original 1892 deeds to the allotment lands of Mary Lee, Ida J., and Alice L. Boiseclair. Mr. and Mrs. Hatley wish for any living descendent to write to the Archives for photocopies.

*Lisa Kraft*

## **Tribal member honored for scholarship**

The United States Achievement Academy has named Gregory A. Cline of Norman, Oklahoma a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics and Scholar at Large.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognized fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Gregory, who attends Norman High School North, was nominated for this national award by Susan De Moss, a teacher at the school. Gregory has maintained a 4.0 GPA. He has received three previous USAA Awards. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

He has also received the President's Education Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for 1997 signed by President Bill Clinton.

Gregory is the son of Freddie and Sharon Cline. His grandparents are the



late LaVern Trousdale Cline and Albert H. Cline and J. Gayle Pruett of Norman, Oklahoma and the late Haskell L. Pruett.

## **Tribal member graduates**

Michelle Marie Sepulveda recently graduated from California State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

She is the daughter of Debbie Sepulveda. Her grandmother is Betty J. Gibson and her great-grandmother is Edith Burns Martin.

Michelle resides in the Long Beach area.

# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Walking on . . .

### Alvin E. Gregson Sr.

Alvin E. Gregson Sr., 74, of Bacliff, passed away Saturday, July 23, 1997.

Mr. Gregson was born to George Arthur and Cora Livvix Gregson in Trousdale, Oklahoma, on September 21, 1922. He was a veteran of World War II. He was preceeded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Lou.

Mr. Gregson is survived by his son Alvin E. Gregson Jr. and wife Yolanda; daughters Cheri G. Gregson and Cynthia M. Agnew; grandchildren Jason E. and Regina M. Gregson, Traci G. and Courtney A. Agnew; brothers Roy E. and Glen A. Gregson; sisters Fannie Long, Eleanor Fincher and Norma Jean Catlege; and loving companion Ruth Smith.

Graveside funeral services were held July 16 at Forest Park East Cemetery, Webster. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Bruno was born Sept. 17, 1961, in Lyons, Kansas, the son of William M. and Glenna (Horton) Bruno. He graduated from high school in Wellington, Kansas, and was later employed at Eaton Corp. as a machinist.

On Nov. 8, 1980, he married Cindy Berka in Caldwell, Kansas.

He moved to Shawnee in 1988 from Riverdale, Kansas, and was a member of Hillside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Bruno of Shawnee; a daughter, Amanda Sue Bruno of Shawnee; his parents, William M. and Glenna Bruno of McLoud; three bothers and two sisters-in-law, James Michael Bruno of Wellington, Kan., Mark Allen and Phylis Bruno of Shawnee, and Matthew Leon and Kimberly Bruno of Wichita, Kan.; a sister and brother-in-law, Loretta (Lori) and Ron Oden of Sterling, Kan.; and maternal grandmother, Willie White-Horton of Harjo.

Services were July 19 at Gaskill-Owens Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Stinnett officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

### Clayton Henry Kime

Clayton Henry Kime walked on June 31, 1997, in Grants Pass, Oregon. Traversed services were held July 2 at Eagle Point Veterans Cemetery, with Father Todd Molinazi of St. Annes Catholic Church of Grants Pass, officiating.

Clayton Henry Kime was born September 6, 1931, in Macomb, Oklahoma, to Henry Clay Kime and Gracia Lee Collier Kime. He survived by his wife, Sandria Kime; two sons, Greg Kime of Grants Pass and Clayton Kime, Jr. of Napa, California; a stepson, Robert Nolan of Valley Springs, California; a brother, Dean Kime of Reno, Nevada; two sisters, Tanya Kenison of Salem, Oregon, and Wanda Baker of Seattle, Washington; and five grandsons.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

### National Award

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment & Training program, which serves all Indian participants in four counties of Central Oklahoma, received the 1997 Outstanding Performance Award from the Department of Labor, Division of Indian and Native American Programs at the recent national conference in California.

"The award represents the hard work of the Employment & Training staff as well as reflecting upon the participants served both in our Title IV-A Adult program and Title II-B Summer Youth Program," said director Gary R. Bibb.

Playing a major role in the future of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Employment & Training provides Adult Basic Education as well as Life Skills and On-the-Job Training to participants qualifying under federally issued income guidelines.

The Employment and Training Program is serving approximately 300 plus participants. The award was presented to the Business Committee at the quarterly council meeting in June with recognition given to the investment the Tribe has made in the computerized Learning Center, credited with much of the participants' success.

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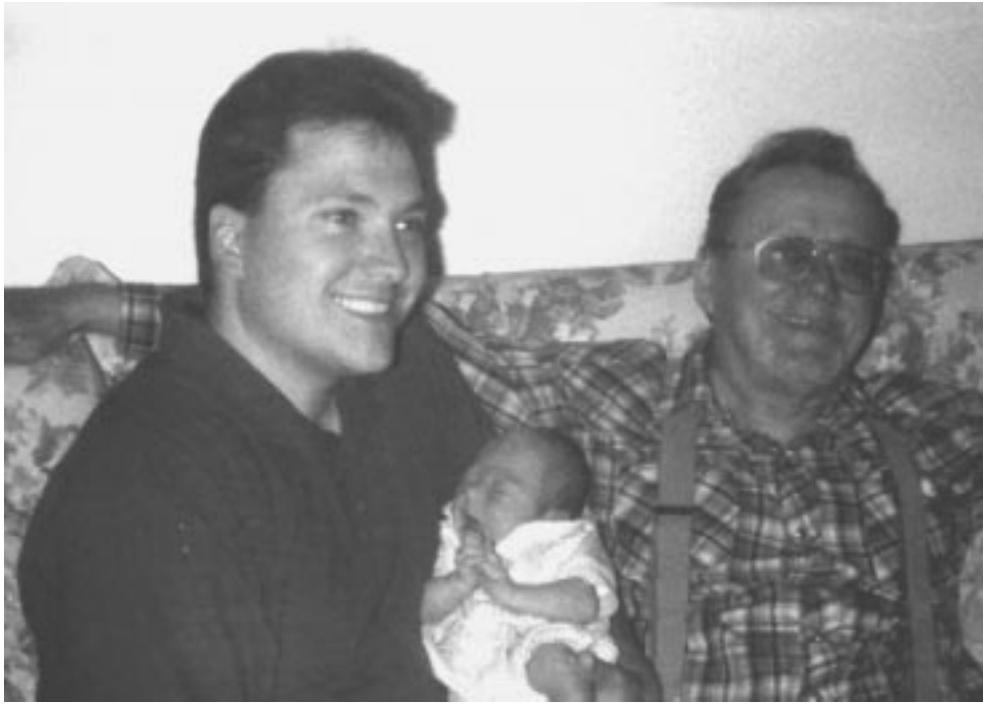
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## Extra-Special Fathers Day

Tribal member and new father Timothy Frapp celebrated Father's Day with his son, Jordan Robert, born June 2, and his father, Norman Frapp. Tim and his wife Angie and Jordan live at 11559 1050th Street, Robinson, Illinois 62454. Both work at the Robinson Correctional Facility. Norman is retired from Caterpillar in Joliet, IL. Norman and wife Donna live at 405 E. Texas Street, Obloug, Illinois, 62449. The Frapps are proud to be tribal members and would appreciate hearing from any of their family or any tribal member.

## The Door To Life

My entire life is spinning around  
All of the sudden my feelings go up then down  
Where do I belong in world?  
I feels if I don't mix in sometimes.  
There are so many doors to life and dead ends  
It's up to me to pick a door for me  
What if I pick wrong? Where will I be?  
Is this what life is really about  
I want to try all the doors of life,  
To find which door is right for me  
Do I have to pick a door now or later!  
Life is it just a dream that I dream  
then under one door slides a paper,  
with the words on it printed neat  
This is the door for you  
I'm not sure if this is just a dream  
then slowly the knob of the door turns  
A bright room appears before me  
In this place my family waits for me to come in  
I made it and the fog that was once is no more  
The world does need me in it.

By: Annie Potts, Prairie Potawatomi Poem written February 1997 to prove there's a place for everyone even me. I always thought there wasn't but there is and people in it who love me.

## St. Gregory's ad

## TRIBAL TRACTS



Above: From Left, Virgil Shopteese, Buffalo Head Manager; Benny Potts; Norman Kiker On The Prairie Band Reservation.

Right: Part Of The Bison Herd. Mr. Majestic Is The Second From Left.



## Kansas trip a look at the past

By Lisa Kraft

In February of 1997, Norman Kiker and I had the opportunity to travel to Mayetta, Kansas, at the request of Mr. Benny Potts, NAGPRA representative for the Prairie Potawatomi Nation. While on the reservation, Mr. Potts allowed us to visit some of the final resting places of those who have gone before us.

Over the course of this foot survey, we saw many beautiful places, some of which were extremely peaceful amidst the huge sycamore and plentiful paw paw trees. There were several frozen streams that stood silent as we ventured across them, each time reaching a more beautiful meadow or section of the forest. During this time of year, leaves crunch beneath your feet and the air hangs with a peaceful cool stillness that together made our experience more personal. For me, it was a chance to learn of the vitality of life and its full cycle. That respect was heightened even more when I was introduced to another vital essence on the reservation; they call him Mister Majestic.

Starting in 1980 with only three bison, the Prairie Potawatomi Nation began

successfully raising a large herd of American bison (buffalo) on their reservation in Kansas.

Numbering close to thirty buffalo, one buffalo in particular stands alone. Mr. Majestic, an 18-year-old male bison, was truly a sight to see. Mr. Majestic, in all his grace and nobility, commands respect as one gazes upon his immense size. Since my research project on the American bison at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, I had always hoped to see an animal such as Mr. Majestic. In his entire splendor, it is easy to see why the State of Kansas was so impressed with him and commissioned Mr. Majestic to be photographed for a postcard.

Along with his considerably smaller female, Mr. Majestic occupies a range directly behind the tribal headquarters. Overseeing the management of the herd, Mr. Virgil Shopteese easily boasts of his duties. Mr. Shopteese's job is a very large one, but one that he looks forward to with great anticipation. It is easy to see that Mr. Shopteese is extremely proud and respectful of his buffalo herd. This, I feel, is shared among us all. Nevertheless, it is

more readily apparent as you actually witness his relationship with these mighty animals.

After introducing us to the rest of the herd (located north of the complex on a large tract of land), Mr. Shopteese allowed us to accompany him during their feeding. Mr. Shopteese has come to know these great animals so well that, without fear, they allow him to come directly up to them. He has gained their trust to such an extent that one young bison allowed him to pat him on the head. Like old friends, Mr. Shopteese and the buffalo seemed to be equally happy to see each other.

In this particular season and in this setting, one can just imagine the prairies teeming with large herds of buffalo, as they were so plentiful prior to the 1800s. Lazily grazing across the prairies, these animals represent the true majesty of the land.

*Update: I have recently learned from Benny that as a result of the spring calving season, four new calves have been added to the herd.*

Secret Service  
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## Lawrence art show seeks Indian entries

The Lawrence Indian Arts Show is seeking entries from American Indian artists for the ninth annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show Sept. 13 to Oct. 26.

The show is sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kansas, Haskell Indian Nations University and Lawrence Arts Center.

Works selected by the judges for the juried competition will be displayed at the Museum of Anthropology Sept. 13 to Oct. 26. A total of \$7,550 in prizes will be awarded at the benefit opening, art preview and sale Sept. 12. Two best-of-show prizes of \$1,500 each and up to 14 merit awards of \$300 each will be awarded in two- and three-dimensional art categories. In the youth division, \$350 in prize money will be awarded.

American Indian artists also are invited to take part in the ninth annual Indian Market at Haskell Sept. 13 and 14. The two-day market gives American Indian artists and opportunity to display and sell their recent productions from booths in an outdoor setting.

The schedule for the ninth annual show will be similar to those for previous shows, but each event will be new. This year's show includes:

- A juried competition show and sale at the Museum of Anthropology Sept. 13 to Oct. 26.

- A benefit opening, including an awards ceremony, art preview and sale, silent auction and reception at the Museum of Anthropology Friday evening, Sept. 12.

- An outdoor Indian Market at Haskell Sept. 12 to Oct. 5.

- An exhibit of recent works by a contemporary American Indian artist at the Lawrence Arts Center, 200 W. Ninth St., Sept. 12 to Oct. 5.

- An exhibit of Navajo Indian textiles at the Spencer Museum of Art Sept. 13 to Oct. 26.

- An American Indian writers book discussion at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.

About 20,000 people attended the eighth annual show in 1996. The 215 items exhibited in the injured show were produced by 98 artists from 54 tribes and 15 states. A total of 155 American Indian artists from across the United States displayed and sold recent creations at the two-day Indian Market, including paintings, graphics, basketry, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, and clothing.

Market entertainment included performances by Haskell-affiliated groups, such as the Apache Club, the Kiowa Club and the Thunderbird Theater.

To obtain entry packets and more information, write or telephone Maria S. Martin, Museum of Anthropology, Spooner Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045; (913) 864-4245.

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		Tobacco Pouch (Our Pride)		1.50	
		Seal Stamped Caps (Reg. \$7)		3.00	
		Fire Stamped Caps (Reg. \$7)		3.00	
		Embroidered Fire Cap (Reg. \$12.95)		7.00	
		Citizen Potawatomi Nation T-Shirt		11.00	
		Embroidered Potawatomi Cap		15.00	
		Decals - Seal (Reg. 50¢)		.30	
		Decals - Fire (Reg. 50¢)		.30	
		Potawatomi Coffee Mugs		5.00	
		Seal Magnet		1.00	
		Fire Magnet		1.00	
		People of The Fire Tote Bags		.50	

Dance Shawls Are Available In Green, Lavender, Red,

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Check or Money Order (Enclosed)



MasterCard  VISA  Discover



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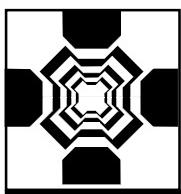
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